



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Macon County Safe from the Start, a 4-year old
3 coalition dedicated to protecting children from violence,
4 received the 2006 Program Excellence Award for Central Illinois
5 on April 3, 2006 from Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and the
6 Illinois Department of Children and Family Services; and

7 WHEREAS, Safe from the Start is a coalition of 24 agencies
8 that receives referrals of children by law enforcement officers
9 at the scene of community or domestic violence or child abuse
10 and provides case management and therapy; and

11 WHEREAS, Safe from the Start also conducts prevention
12 training at day cares and schools, raises public awareness
13 about the effects of witnessing violence on children through
14 advertising and public service announcements, and provides
15 professional training through its annual Saving Childhoods
16 conference; and

17 WHEREAS, The coalition's newest program is its
18 Neighborhood Crisis Response Team, which goes into
19 neighborhoods following violent incidents to provide
20 information about how trauma affects children and families and
21 to direct people to community agencies if they need further
22 help; and

23 WHEREAS, Safe from the Start, based in the Macon County
24 Child Advocacy Center, has a full-time case manager and
25 children's therapist and operates on a budget provided by the
26 Illinois Violence Prevention Authority; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 we congratulate Macon County Safe from the Start on being
30 awarded the 2006 Program Excellence Award for Central Illinois,

1 and we wish them many more years of successful operation; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Macon County Safe from the Start as an expression
5 of our respect and esteem.